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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

U.S. v. Sealy Corporation

Notice is hereby given that defendant Sealy Corporation, successor to the former Sealy, Inc. (now named the Ohio Mattress Company Licensing and Components Group), has filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois a motion to terminate the two judgments entered in United States v. Sealy, Inc., Civil No. 60-C-844, and a motion to modify the first judgment, entered on December 30, 1964, during the pendency of the Motion to Terminate. In a Stipulation also filed with the Court, the Department of Justice ("Department") has tentatively consented to termination of the judgments, but has reserved the right to withdraw its consent pending receipt of public comments.

The complaint in this case, filed on May 31, 1960, alleged that Defendant had conspired with its respective licensee owners to illegally allocate exclusive territories and to fix retail prices. Judgments were entered after a trial on the merits on December 30, 1964 and after an appeal to the United States Supreme Court on December 26, 1967. The judgments prohibited Sealy from establishing territories for its distributors' sale of its mattresses and from engaging in resale price maintenance.

The Department has filed with the Court a memorandum setting forth the reasons why the Government believes that termination of the judgments would serve the public interest. Copies of the Defendant's motion papers, the Stipulation containing the Government's consent, the Government's memorandum and all further papers filed with the court in connection with this motion will be available for inspection at the legal Procedure Unit of the Antitrust Division, Room 215 North, Liberty Place Building, 325 Seventh St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Twentieth Floor, 209 South

Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Copies of these materials may be obtained from the Antitrust Division upon request and payment of the copying fee set by Department of Justice regulations.

Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed termination of the judgments to the Department. Such comments must be received by the Department within sixty (60) days and will be filed with the Court by the Department. Comments should be addressed to Mildred L. Calhoun, Trial Attorney, Midwest Office, Antitrust Division, Suite 600, 209 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (Telephone (312) 353-7530).

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National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Reducing Non-Emergency Calls to 911: An Assessment of Four Approaches to Handling Citizen Calls for Service

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Reducing Non-Emergency Calls to 911: An Assessment of Four Approaches to Handling Citizen Calls for Service."

DATES: The deadline for receipt of proposal is close of business July 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice, with support from the Office of Community

Oriented Policing Services, is seeking proposals for assessment of four alternative approaches to 911 calls for service. These four new approaches are part of an effort to relieve the demand on the current 911 emergency number by reducing the number of non-emergency calls. Proposals should outline an overall research strategy for assessment of each of the four participating sites: Baltimore, Maryland; Buffalo, New York; Dallas, Texas; and Phoenix, Arizona.

In Baltimore a non-emergency number, 311, is being used as an alternative to dialing 911. Callers may dial the 311 number directly; or they may be transferred there by the 911 operator or other department telephone exchange. An anticipated effect of this restructuring is that it will free-up officers to be more pro-active in their services.

Dallas officials are also using 311 as a non-emergency alternative, and in the process have consolidated city agency dispatches in order to provide community-oriented government. 911 is used for all police, EMS, and fire emergencies and 311 is used for all non-emergency requests for city services. The expected benefits are the relief of the 911 call load and new 24-hour access by citizens to city agencies offered by 311.

The Buffalo Police Department has made many attempts in the last two decades to improve their emergency response system. The latest has been to institute a seven-digit non-emergency number. 911 Operators will continue to receive the non-emergency calls but will have the option of transferring them to 22 city agencies.

The Phoenix Police Department had established a seven digit service number before the 911 system was adopted some years ago. They currently use a combination of the two numbers in which all calls are directed to the 911 operators but calls placed using 911 are given higher priority while the seven digit requests may be placed on hold and taken in turn.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Reducing Non-Emergency Calls to 911: An Assessment of Four Approaches to Handling Citizens Calls for Service" (refer to document no. SL000230). The solicitation is available electronically via the NCJRS Bulletin Board, which can be accessed via the Internet. Telnet to ncjrsbbs.ncjrs.org, or gopher to ncjrs.org:71. For World Wide Web access, connect to the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://>